

Amendment dated August 17, 2006

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 21, 2006

REMARKS

As noted at page 1, the claim listing in the previous response included an obvious typographical error in claim 16 which is corrected herein. No amendment to claim 16 was intended.

Applicant believes the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 14-18, 48, 54-65, 106-108 and 118-130 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over US Patent No. 6642363 claims 1-53 in view of US Patent No. 6797738 claims 1-35, US Patent No. 6281256 claims 1-36, US Patent No. 5763416 claim 1-77, and US Patent No. 5942496 claim 1-130, for reasons set out in the previous Office Action.

In response, the applicants submit a terminal disclaimer over the cited US patents, thereby obviating the rejection.

Inasmuch as there are no other rejections, the applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and request expedited notification of the same.

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